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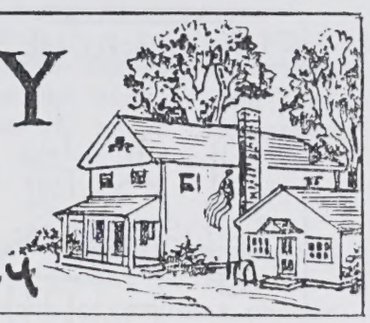


PUBLIC HEARING FOR ZONING BY-LAW REVISIONS, MORATORIUM PETITIONS AND LAND USE PROPOSAL

The long-awaited public hearing to consider proposed revisions in the Monterey protective zoning by-laws took place in the social room of the church on Saturday, January 26. Chaired by Paul E. Thorn, Planning Board chairman, the day-long meeting also heard comments on petitions requesting that moratoriums be declared on multiple family dwelling construction, and on sub-division development for an 18 month period to give Monterey time to develop a master land use capability plan to guide its growth.

Because the necessity of such a plan is becoming increasingly obvious to town officials, the Monterey selectmen and Planning Board, invited Dr. Andrew Scheffey to address the meeting. He is professor of regional planning, at the University of Massachussetts. Considerable time was given to discussion of how and when such a study could best be made in Monterey and at what cost. The Scheffey family has owned land in Monterey since the 1930's. His love of Monterey combined with his knowledge in land use makes him one especially helpful to us in this area.

The meeting can most easily be reviewed in its entirety within the following segments:

1) Proposed Zoning By-Law Revisions: For the greater part, these were accepted as presented. Suggestions and additions, voiced from the floor during the meeting, will be taken into consideration by the planning Board when it makes its report to the selectmen.The revisions will be voted upon at the town meeting scheduled for Feb.16.

2) Moratorium Petitions: Many pro and con opinions for both petitions were aired. If the Planning Board deems it advisable that these petitions should be placed on the ballot for the February 16 meeting, they will so recommend to the selectmen.

3) Master Land Use Capability Plan: After bringing those present up to date on environmental legislation over the past 20 years and that which is pending for vote in 1974 (The National Land Use Policy and Assistance Act Establishing a Resource Management Policy Council), Dr. Scheffey advised that there would be a possibility for Monterey to work with the PACE (Planned Alternatives for Community Development) organization of Cambridge. This is a program for graduate students in which several New England universities participate.

   Selected PACE students would, if we adopt this plan, work with Monterey citizens, right here in Monterey, over the next two summers under professional faculty supervision. This would be a cooperative effort with significant input and guidance coming from Monterey. Funding would be on a matching basis, with PACE and Monterey sharing the cost.

   The study could begin June 30, 1974. The principal feature of this plan is the high degree of participation called for from Monterey itself. Dr. Scheffey emphasized that such a study, utilizing much contribution and control from Monterey's own townspeople, would be uniquely appropriate and effective.

   John Pizzichemi, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, asked Dr. Scheffey for a written proposal and recommendation which could be presented and voted upon on Feb. 16. The general response to Dr. Scheffey's presentation was positive.

EARTH REMOVAL BY-LAW HEARING

The hearing on the proposed Earth Removal By-Law was held on January 11 with 21 people at the meeting. The session was opened by Edith Wilson who explained the procedure of the hearing. Jed Lipsky served as moderator.

The main part of the event was to read the proposed by-law aloud and hear reactions and suggestions from the floor. There were questions concerning the way performance bonds would work, who may apply for licensing in earth removal and distinctions between provisions for gravel and top-soil removal.

Especial interest was shown regarding the proposed $50.00 per day penalty for violations. The committee was asked to study the feasibility of a higher penalty. They were asked also to consider adding a clause to provide for revoking a permit with just cause.

(Town news continued on last sheet)

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Only one Mass weekly, 10:00 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church, Mill River.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes

Morning worship at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. . . . Church School and Confirmation Classes at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday. . . . The wedding of Lewis Kreuser and Eleanor Newey was on Saturday, January 5. . . . Received into membership Henry Stewart and Ralph Stevenson on Epiphany Sunday, January 6. . . . In memoriam, William Brett. Wedding, December 24 of James Dutcher and Linda Carlon.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the congregation was held on Sunday, January 20. It began with the minister's report during the morning worship. Dr. Brallier focused especially on the newer types of groups that are forming in the Church, not based as formerly on age or sex, but primarily around vital dimensions of the Christian faith or fundamental human concerns. Gertrude Gould was elected moderator. The reports of the various officers, committees and groups were distributed in a booklet a week before the meeting and were accepted as printed. Officers were elected and the budget adopted. The congregation voted to request the Berkshire Association of the United Church of Christ that Henry Stewart be granted licensure and then ordination at the time his seminary requirements are fulfilled in the spring. A covered dish luncheon was enjoyed by the congregation at noon following the meeting.

Morning Worship in Social Room during January and February

The parish council recommended and the congregation in a special meeting voted that the church meet for morning worship during January and February in the social room. The purpose of this action was to save fuel during the energy crisis. Because this creates a different atmosphere than in the sanctuary the ministers have indicated that several different patterns of worship will be used. From the two Sundays in which the worship has been held in the social room there have been varied reactions. A number of persons have expressed appreciation for the more intimate and face to face setting that is made possible in the social room.

Community Use of Social Room

At the annual meeting of the church there was a review of a way to provide for the best usage of the social room by the community organizations. Unfortunately the failure of some to notify of the desire to use the room has caused disappointment because of conflicting schedules. It was decided that groups desiring to use the facilities should contact Kelly Janes, 528-2494, clerk of the church, to be sure it is available. Those using the room are requested to put away tables or chairs that were used and to clean the room so that it will be usable for the next group.

THE REST OF THE STORY

The prodigal returning
Was at last willing
To be his father's hired man;
After his wandering
Years he was more genial.

He learned to cultivate
With plow and hoe,
Afterward to pollinate
Fig and palm.

When their father died,
His big brother told him,
"You are now fit to be foreman
Of any man's farm;
But I am foreman here.

I tell you what,
You shall be priest;
You can calm down the slaves,
Who, like some wives,
Don't know when they are well off.

"Dad and I had
So much back talk
From those bums
While you were gone!

Kelly Janes

TO BE ALIVE OR TO BE SECURE

There is a choice that runs through all our lives. It is always there. At least it is there if we are willing to recognize its presence. On the one side of the choice we are offered the possibility of aliveness, movement and growth, but a less secure existence. On the other side, there is promise of security, but at the price of rigidity and stagnation.

Turn whichever way we will this choice is hovering around us. In marriage people are choosing frozen-in, sterile relationships because they don't want to risk losing the few crumbs of benefit they already possess. In work persons often must choose between continuing in a deadening job that offers financial security and searching for work that challenges and makes them come alive even though at the cost of a more precarious financial base. In the religious life one may choose between following the claims of an expanding consciousness and remaining untroubled in a safe religious establishment.

I remember the first time I was made acutely aware of these two dimensions. As a hospital chaplain, young and idealistic, I had gone quite a distance in befriending a seemingly poor and helpless person. Later, to my amazement, he began to make provisions for my family's financial security through a generous will. I found myself starting to shift ground. I was beginning to think of ways to preserve and enhance this bonanza. My social and political views began to change in order to better utilize this windfall. To bring a quick end to this story, it turned out that the man was really as indigent as I had first supposed him to be, but he had found a way to touch a greedy streak in me and he played on it to the full. In the meantime, I had a valuable though humbling lesson on the way I might choose between aliveness and security. The shock of this experience still serves me well when I am in danger of valuing safety more than vitality.

I am afraid I do not see myself as a brave, daring person, throwing caution to the wind in order to secure aliveness. I often must deal with my fearfulness in launching out into the deep. It seems most of us have the security factor built very deeply into our personalities. Thus, our danger is not that of losing our moorings in the search for aliveness, but of staying anchored so near the shore-line that we do not learn the thrill and adventure of entering the deep places where life is bursting out in vitality and growth. This is my concern to help create a spirit, a climate, where we may free ourselves from the chains of our security obsessions, so that the open universe may come to play within us.

Why do we remain such security-ridden creatures? What is this fear that makes us clutch onto our security blankets so tightly that our hands are not free to touch, handle and experiment with the truly open quality of life? Why are we so cautious and tentative in loving? Why do we let our marriages go dead rather than risk voicing our discontent and frustration? Why do we endure boredom in our work year after year until our souls become dead? Why do we make religion a haven of safety rather than a bold exploration of faith? Honestly, I don't know most of these answers. Yet one thing does appear whenever we raise these questions. We behave as though the life process would betray us. We act as if we were trapped by a scarcity of life-sustaining resources.

Failing to understand the whys of my security-conscious existence, I find that I can begin to loosen its grip on me by beginning to act as if life were sustaining rather than defeating, that life is open rather than closed. As I loosen my grip on what I currently possess, I open myself to the future. Conversely, the more tightly I grasp the present the more I close the door on what could be.

Various of the Biblical writers have suggested that we should treat life as a pilgrimage rather than as a possession. As pilgrims we are reminded not to overinvest in present security. As pilgrims we do not image that what we have now is the final answer. Thus, we are freed to move, to explore, to experience. Some of Israel's prophets saw great danger when the people should settle in the land and become enamoured of their lands and possessions. Then they would forget what it was like to be a pilgrim people depending upon God for their very life and sustenance.

What is my hope for you in the new year? May you be freed from your fears that life itself will not sustain you. May the pilgrim spirit possess you sufficiently that you shall care more about being alive than being secure. For then you shall truly live!

Virgil V. Brallier, minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

GIRL SCOUTS

Brownies — The Brownies made stained glass Christmas ornaments in December. This month January will be spent in working toward the World Association Pin. This year the country they are studying is Italy. Handicrafts are always present at meetings. One of the most exciting projects for this month is necklaces made from contact paper and paper clips.

Juniors — Badges are being worked on toward the Sign of the Star.

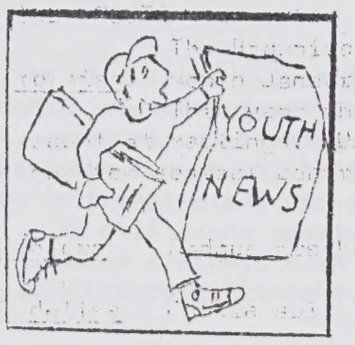
Cadettes — Cookie sale to start in February. Girls are working on the Arts Challenge.

4-H CLUBS

Cooking — The Monterey Panhandler's have been busy. At their last meeting they baked Christmas cookies for the Boy Scout's Christmas Party.

Stamp Collecting — The new 4-H stamp group have been having regular Wednesday night meetings. There are seven members: Warren Thomson, Shawn Ryder, John Makuc, Jimmy Makuc, Kenneth Heath, Bill Bynack and Charles Meglio. They have decided to call their group "The Lick'em and Stick'ems". Walter Parks and Douglas Lyman are leaders. Junior leaders are Warren Thomson and William Bynack.

Horse — A horse ride was held on January 20 at Eastover. Preparations are under way for the annual ham dinner in March. The Horse Club meets the second Tuesday of each month.



BOY SCOUTS

The Otis-Monterey Boy Scouts held a Christmas Party on December 28. Committee members helped with the games and refreshments.

The month of January will be spent studying the drug problem. On January 4 the boys went to Westfield to visit a drug rehabilitation center.

Cub Scouts — The Monterey Cub Scouts, Pack 51, Den 1, had a variety drill march at the Annual Monterey Church Christmas Party. A good time was had by all.

MONTEREY JUNIOR HI GROUP

The Junior Hi Group gathered on January 27 to discuss a constitution for the group. This turned out to be a real experience in working through problems of living, working together.

A dance is planned for Friday, February 1 in the church social room. Committees are busy planning the event. Invitations will be tendered by the members of the youth group.

MONTEREY CHRISTMAS PARTY

As always this event was an exciting and inspiring evening. Christmas carols were sung and everyone got into the Christmas spirit. All the youth groups in town came through again and each contributed toward making it a fine program. The Monterey Horse Club explained the different symbols of Christmas, including the candle, the stocking, evergreens, holly and other such symbols. The Girl Scouts, Junior and Cadettes combined their efforts and presented a play on the joy of sharing. The Cub Scouts performed different marching techniques to the tune of the "Wooden Soldiers."

The last but not the least great event of the evening was the arrival of Santa. The Monterey Boy Scouts helped Santa carry in the many bags of toys for all the young children.

A word of hearty thanks is due to the many people of the town who sent in contributions to purchase the gifts that Santa had in his bags. Many people working together made this a time to remember.

Lois Ryder
Youth Editor

BERKSHIRE ECOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION SPONSORS CONTEST FOR CREATION OF EMBLEM

The Berkshire Ecological Association, a non-profit organization formed from the funds given in memory of Stephen J. Brallier, is offering a prize of a $50.00 U. S. Savings Bond to the person who creates an emblem to represent the organization. Stephen was killed in an automobile accident a year ago.

The stated purpose of the Berkshire Ecological Association is for "raising public awareness, concern and action in preserving the natural resources and wonders of the Berkshires, and in improving man's relationship to them."

The contest rules are as follows: 1) Anyone may enter. 2) The emblem should represent the purposes of the Association. 3) Entries should be submitted on an 8½ by 11" sheet of paper or posterboard. 4) Entries should be sent to The Berkshire Ecological Association, Box 308, Monterey, Ma. 01245. 5) Contestants should not put their name and address on a separate sheet, not on the one with the emblem. 6) Judging will be by the board of directors of the Berkshire Ecological Association. 7) The deadline for receiving entries is March 15, 1974.

GOULD FARM NEWS

The marriage of Eleanor Newey and the Rev. Lewis Kreuzer took place in the First Congregational Church of Monterey on Saturday, January 5. The ceremony was preformed by the Rev. Virgil V. Brallier and the Rev. Hampton E. Price. Eight of Mrs. Newey's nine children were present. The ninth, Mrs. James McDermid, lived in Colorado with her husband and three small girls. Mr. and Mrs. Donaly Newey of Glastonbury, Conn., attended with their two children. The matron of honor was Mrs. Newey's sister, Mrs. Billie Webb. The bride came down the aisle on the arm of her son, Philip, who gave his mother away. Mr. Kreuzer's brother, Morris, was his best man and his daughter, Kirsten, was present. His older daughter, Karin, is married and living in Germany. A number of other relatives of the Kreuzer family also attended. The organist was Mrs. William Pedersen of Gould Farm. Members of the Farm staff were there and also guests of the Farm. After the wedding, a reception for about a hundred people was held at the main house. Before taking up residence in Bangor, Maine, the couple left for a short trip.

Four new staff members are actively engaged at the Farm taking the places of four who have left. Those who have left are Judy Jennings, Bill Kerwin, Rick and Mary Beinecke. Beverly Dawald comes as a volunteer worker under the program of the Church of the Brethren. Also coming through that service are Jeffrey and Susan Miller. They first heard of Gould Farm while attending a training course where they met Jaffray Cuyler, a recent guest, now working with the Brethren Volunteer Services. Vicki Gohmann is a new staff member whose home is in Albany, Indiana. She has previously worked in this neighborhood and knows it well.

Rose McKee

MONTEREY GRANGE

The Monterey Grange met January 16 and played pirate bingo. Members brought a wrapped gift. The Convervation Committee urges members to feed the birds and protect wildlife in any way. It also supports taking part in the recycling programs.

Mary Wallace
Lecturer

PHILERGIANS

The Philergains enjoyed a lively tea-cup auction on January 18 in which the group netted about $40.00 for the treasury and a lot of fun for the participants.

On the first three Thurdays of March, on the 7th, 14th and 21st, the group is planing a series of interpersonal growth group sessions led by Dr. Brallier. The meetings will be at 10 am. and will be in the parsonage. Any persons in the community interested in participating are invited.

EARTH REMOVAL BY-LAW HEARING (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Selectman Richard Tryon noted that there are many areas in Monterey that could lend themselves to gravel removal. He indicated that this is adequate reason to be prepared with an adequate by-law to deal with the various eventualities this might bring.

Members of the Earth Removal By-Law Committee are Edith Wilson, Ann Makuc, Maureen Bradley, Sheldon Fenn, Raymond Tryon and Jed Lipsky. They have been reported as a hard-working, faithful committee who met weekly over a three month period. They expect to re-write the proposed by-law taking into account the discussion and suggestions from the hearing and have them in the hands of the selectmen shortly.

The selectmen will be responsible for deciding on including consideration of the by-law on the warrant for the February 16 meeting.

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Without the contributors to the MONTEREY NEWS we could not exist. We wish it were possible to personally say "thank you" to all who have responsed since our appeal for funds last fall, but failing the time to do this we want to acknowledge those who have responsed since our last issue: M/M Fred W. Backhaus, Drs. David and Jean Balderston, M/M Harold Beattie, M/M William Beattie, M/M William Bohn, M/M Eugene A. Bounous, M/M Gordon T. Bowles, M/M George Brett, Henry Brooks, M/M Peter S. Brown, Col. & Mrs. Staunton L. Brown, Louise D. Bounaguro and Annette Swanson, Dr. and Mrs. Edward Brown, Dr. and Mrs. David R. Burns, M/M Paul J. Carnese,Jr., Virginia N. Cesario, Mrs. Leona Chamberlin, M/M Earl Champigny, M/M Milton Cohen, M/M Eric H. Craven, Rev. and Mrs. Harold Criswell, Prof. and Mrs. Paul Dodyk, Dora A. Fisher, M/M William Foss, M/M Henry Freundlich, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Garrett, M/M Jerome P. Germain, Mrs. Matthew Gilligan, M/M Thomas F. Gillis, M/M William M. Ginsburg, Ruth H. Gordon, M/M Harry Gotlieb, M/M Robert K. Green, Marilou H. Hamer, Helen Hanley and Irene Kenny, Harold Hart, M/M Robert Hatch, M/M Arnold A. Hayes, M/M Roy Hepp, M/M John H. Howard, M/M Bjorn Jenssen, M/M Hans T. Kessler, Israel Ketani, M/M Martin Killeen, M/M Claude Kimberley, Kathleen King, M/M Edmund G. Klepps, M/M A. Wilbert Koivisto, The Kolburne School, John H. Lambert, Jr., M/M Everett P. McCue, M/M George H. McVey, George Mensi, Mrs. Julius Miner, M/M Alfred W. Molle, M/M William E. Morgan, Mrs. Gordon T. Nightingale, Judith Oplinger, M/M Merton O'Prey, Our Lady of the Valley Church, S. William Passeggio, M/M Herbert B. Pearl, M/M Albert J. Platt, Rev. and Mrs. Hampton Price, Rev. & Mrs. George W. Razee, Joan W. Reed, M/M Emilio Rigali, Gayle Rochfeld, Dr. & Mrs. Howard Rosen, M/M Paul Schweid, M/M John S. R. Shad, M/M Hadley T. Simons, M/M Leslie G. Slater, M/M Stewart J. Stowell, Mrs. Delmor J. Tryon, M/M Richard D. Tryon, Eleanor Varney, Esther I. Vickerman, Mrs. Maynard J. Watson, M/M Leonard J. Weber, M/M Lawrence Wilkinson, M/M Arthur K. Wing, jr., M/M Martin Wing, Mary R. Wocel, M/M Joseph Wondrasch, Dr. & Mrs. Alfred C. Emmel, Marjorie McLaughlin, M/M Curtis Paine.

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